CHAPTER NO. 234

HOUSE BILL NO. 1620

By Representatives Kernell, Brooks, Cooper, Garrett

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 51

By Senators Harper, Person

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 14, relative to the board of dispensing opticians.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-221(a), is amended by deleting item (56) in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-224(a), is amended by adding a new item thereto, as follows:

- () Board of dispensing opticians, created by Section 63-14-101;
- SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-14-101, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection thereto, as follows:
 - (f) The board shall not discriminate in the issuance of any license pursuant to this chapter. Discrimination shall mean any direct or indirect act or practice of exclusion, distinction, restriction, segregation, limitation, refusal, denial, or any other act or practice of differentiation or preference in the treatment of a person or persons because of race, creed, color, religion, sex, age or national origin.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 10, 2001

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

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APPROVED this 15th day of May 2001